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Lane Changing Assist System For An Automotive Vehicle

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present invention claims priority to provisional application no.

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BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates generally to collision warning systems, and more particularly to a method and apparatus for warning a vehicle operator of another vehicle within a destination lane of the vehicle.

[0003] Collision warning systems are becoming more widely used. In general, collision warning systems provide a vehicle operator knowledge and awareness of objects or vehicles within close proximity so as to prevent a collision with those objects. Current collision warning systems are unitary in nature in that they only warn the operator of the vehicle containing the collision warning system of a potential collision. A sensor located on a vehicle, upon sensing an object generates an object detection signal, which is communicated to the operator of that vehicle.

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Warning systems for vehicles that are directed to the rear of the